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Communicable Disease Report June 8, 2009

To: Health Care Providers

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Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report 5/27/09-6/2/09:

Reportable : Non- Reportable :

3 Chlamydia 26 Streptococcus

2 Dog Bite 1 Mononucleosis

1 Campylobacter 1 RSV

1 Chickenpox

1 Giardia

1 H1N1 Influenza

1 Salmonella

1 Tuberculosis

GCCHD 24/7 contact number: Call Dispatch 582- 2100 Ext.2, ask to page Health Department

<u>Gallatin City-County Health Department Update:</u> The Health Department has received the report of the first confirmed Influenza H1N1 case in a Gallatin County Resident. It appears this resident contracted the virus and was diagnosed outside of Gallatin County.

Influenza H1N1 cases have been diagnosed in 6 counties thus far in Montana. It is extremely likely that further cases of H1N1 influenza will be diagnosed in Gallatin County. The current count of H1N1 influenza in the state of Montana is 24 cases in 6 counties. Cases have been reported in Custer, Yellowstone, Hill, Park, Missoula and Gallatin.

The Health Department advises people with influenza-like symptoms to stay home for seven days after the onset of symptoms, or at least 24 hours after symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. Most people who have influenza H1N1 will recover without needing medication or medical attention. Those with a high risk of complications from influenza, (chronic illness, pregnancy, immunosuppression from chemotherapy, HIV or cancer) are encouraged to contact their health care provider for diagnosis and treatment. Treatment with antiviral medication should be started within the first 24-48 hours after onset of symptoms to be effective.

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